

## TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

### April 29, 2004

#### Participants:

John Perfect	Mark Addy	Mark Stromberg
Ed Moreen	John Roland	Bill Kirschner
Nick Zilka	Rusty Sheppard	David Fortier
Phillip Cernera	Jim Hansen	Dave Suhr
Rob Spafford	Lloyd Brewer	Rogers Hardy
Bill Adams	Dave Sternberg	Rob Hanson

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

#### **Agenda Items:**

##### Updates on Recent Conference Calls and Meetings:

- Water quality in Box: Nick Zilka.
- Data base: Anne.
- Water Treatment PFT Call of April 22.
- Rose Lake Call.

##### PFT Reports for the May 12 Basin Commission Meeting:

PFT leads that are present will provide a five minute update. Others provide Cernera with written update that he can present.

##### Path Forward to Provide Basin Commission with CWA Recommendation:

Develop Straw Man RFP	5 May
Discuss	6 May
Comments from Discussion	Basin Commission Meeting 12 May
Finalize	1 June
Seek Basin Commission Concurrence	June 3 - 7
Issue RFP	Mid-June
One Month to Prepare Proposals	
Meetings to Discuss Proposals	Mid-July – October
Present Recommendation to Basin Commission	November

#### **Round Table:**

Rob Hanson: The CWA grant application is very close to complete. He is trying to schedule a Human Health PFT meeting for May 12, but has had no response yet. The Basin Commission web page does not have a 2004 work plan posted. Cernera will send a copy to Hanson, who will have it posted. Rob is the Basin Commission web page “gatekeeper” now.

Anne Dailey: The BEMP is up on the BC web page, but some things on the page appear to be

out of date. The east-of-Rose-Lake and Highway 3 work is close to completion. Paving should be done next week. She is working with Army Corps to get health warning signs up.

John Perfect: John asked if there was any news regarding repository sites. Moreen replied that Lawson is still looking for new sites. Nothing has jumped out yet.

Ed Moreen: A “media opportunity” is scheduled for May 12 at 10:00 at the East-of-Rose-Lake recreation site. Nick and Ed met with the noxious weed commissioners from Shoshone and Kootenai Counties about the Kootenai County Airport topsoil source. Portions of the site are quarantined, and portions are not. The quarantined parts are well separated from the parts that are not quarantined. He is working with the two commissioners to keep topsoil moving into Shoshone County, but to avoid importing noxious weeds with it.

Nick Zilka: The water quality assessment group met in Spokane to discuss comments on several pending reports. The intent is to finalize these and get them out.

There are old industrial wells within the Box. Some are as large as six feet in diameter. Closing them is a challenge due to their size. CWA funds may be useful here.

Nick is trying to schedule a Stream Bank PFT meeting on May 13 or May 14.

Nick’s email is not 100 percent due to an office remodel that is underway. If you have an important need to communicate with Nick, call him.

Bill Adams: The Water Treatment PFT held a conference call last Thursday, and discussed a number of items:

- Canyon Creek Treatability Study preliminary results (to be distributed as soon as he gets them written up),
- Hydro geologic work is close to completion,
- INEEL is waiting to start their work in Canyon Creek,
- Lynn McCroskey of MSE presented an update on the Nevada Stewart site.
- ORD is assisting with review of emerging technologies.

The Mine and Mill Site PFT (Upper Basin Source Areas) will meet soon. He is working to task Parametrics with designing solutions for the Rex, Golconda, and Sisters sites.

Mark Addy: The stream bank design that NRCS has used on the St. Joe has been revised to meet IDL’s needs for the Coeur d’Alene River.

John Roland: Nothing.

Rusty Sheppard: Nothing.

Jim Hanson: He is preparing to start monitoring waterfowl on the Lake. Dave Suhr asked if mortality has been studied on the southward migration. Anne Dailey summarized that use is heavier on the northward migration. In the south migration, fewer birds use the Basin, and more food is available. The birds do not need to dig as much in the contaminated sediments to get

food.

Lloyd Brewer: Nothing.

Rogers Hardy: Rog asked if Frank Frutchey was at the meetings about noxious weeds. Frank was not there. Rog asked about spraying of noxious weeds along the UPRR Rails to Trails. The UPRR will spray one more time this spring, and then it will be up to the State and the Tribe as trail managers. Rog asked if the Surface Transportation Board had issued a certificate of completion yet. Ed Moreen said STB has not done so. Rog asked if UPRR repairs to the embankment will use filter fabric as the IDL requires of others. Moreen indicated they were not required to do so under the CERCLA.

Bill Kirschner: Bill introduced himself as Department of Interior's representative for the NRDA. He is with USFWS, and will monitor the weekly calls to stay abreast of activities in the Basin.

David Fortier: He is gearing up for the summer's work on rock dumps and revegetation. A summary of BLM's water treatment efforts is coming out soon. He hopes to have it available by early June, and perhaps to present it at a Basin Information Forum later in the summer.

Mark Stromberg: Mark introduced himself as IDEQ's newest staffer. He replaces Luke Russell, and has been here three days.

Dave Sternberg: Nothing.

Dave Suhr: Nothing.

Randy Connolly: Randy is trying to get fish sampling started. He is working with EPA over what to sample.

Rogers Hardy: The LA Times article "Poisonous Past" is on the LA Times web site on the "Outdoors" page.

Welcome to Bill and Mark!

Thank you for your participation.